

BACKGROUND - TITO'S TRIP

I. Tito been away from Yugoslavia five weeks, now, has another month to go. Number-two man, Kardelj, in charge in Balgrade: Vice-President Rankovic (head of Yugo police), Foreign Minister Popovic are with Tito.

A. Tito in India 18 days, starting 16 December '54. Talked with Nehru, made speech to parliament, toured part of country. Nehru agreed to return visit summer '55.

B. Joint Tito-Nehru communique:

1. Stressed two nations' similarity of interests, unique world position,

but

2. Rejected idea of "third force bloc," and

3. Called for "positive, active, and constructive policy" of nonalign-

ment and passive neutralism.

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C. Visit to Burma starts 6 Jan, will in-

clude talks with Nu, other leaders.

Burmese long interested in Yugo's independent communism. Tito also allegedly scheduled to talk with ChiCom officials in Burma re diplomatic relations.

D. In this connection Yugo press announced 25 Dec '54 that Peiping already taken initiative on this, said Yugos would accept. Chou En-lai stated (26 Dec) talks in progress.

1. Peiping's move definitely part of Soviet Bloc's efforts "normalize" relations Yugo.
2. Yugos like idea of relations with Peiping, believe all Western powers should do same to help prevent Moscow domination China.